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Specification

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Be it known, that I, Hideshige Ogura, c/o Kabushiki Kaisha Audio-Technica,
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TRANSMISSION-RECEPTION SYSTEM of which the following is a specification:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

WIRELESS TRANSMISSION-RECEPTION SYSTEM

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a compression-expansion communication type wireless transmission-reception system, and particularly to a receiver which gives effect to de-emphasis.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The compression-expansion process is a technique, which is mostly utilized for wireless microphones and so on, wherein a transmitter has a compressor circuit (compressor) for compressing signal(s) to be transmitted in a level, while a receiver has an expander for expanding the compressed, transmitted signal level to the original signal level, for purposes of suppression in noises or leaked speeches.

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Most of the wireless microphones obtain improvement in the S/N ratio by, for example, the emphasized signals as known. The emphasis has a pre-emphasis process where the transmitter transmits signal(s), while performing expansion of gain in the high frequency range so as to suppress the generated noises. Since the generated noises depend on higher modulation frequencies of the transmitted signals, the emphasis process has a de-emphasis process in which the receiver performs reduction in the gain of

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the transmitted signal(s) so that the received signal(s) become the original signal(s).

Most of the noise and leaked speech reducing processes between the transmitter and receiver are performed in a combination of the compression-expansion technique and the emphasis technique. In such the wireless microphone, the compression-expansion technique and the emphasis process are performed in two orders (described below) for tuning of the mutual frequencies having the changes.

In the first process of noise and leaked speech reduction (as shown in Fig. 2 (a)), the pre-emphasis of transmission signal(s) by a pre-emphasis circuit of the transmitter 10, and the de-emphasis of the reception signal(s) by a de-emphasis circuit of the receiver 20 are performed before the transmitted signal(s) being compressed through a compressor circuit 12, and after the received signal(s) being expanded through an expander circuit 21, respectively.

On the other hand, in the second process of noise and leaked speech reduction (as shown in Fig. 2 (b)), the pre-emphasis of the transmitted signal(s) by a pre-emphasis circuit of the transmitter 10, and the de-emphasis of the reception signals by a de-emphasis circuit of the receiver 20 are performed after the transmitted signals being compressed through a compressor circuit 12, and before the received signals being expanded through an expander circuit 21, respectively.

The foregoing first process has some problems. The input of the signal(s) into the compressor circuit 12 after expansion of the gain in high frequencies by the pre-emphasis circuit causes distortion or skewness of the sound(s) in high frequencies. In order to reduce the skewness of the

sound(s) in high frequencies, the reduction in the signal level (compressibility) adversely affects the S/N ratio in low frequencies. For improvement in such the S/N ratio, when the transmitter runs with a battery, the consumed battery must be considered.

5 In the foregoing second process where the signals are pre-emphasized after compressed, the transmitter has no production of the distorted or skewed sound in high frequencies as given in the foregoing first process. However, the performance of the expansion of the received signals by the receiver will be limited. Hence, even though the received signals are de-
10 emphasized by the de-emphasis circuit of the receiver before expanded by the expander circuit, such the de-emphasis circuit does not have efficiency of the noise reduction in the signals outputted from the expander circuit.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

15 In order to solve the forgoing problems, the present invention involves an improvement of a wireless transmission-reception system having a transmitter which has a compressor circuit and a pre-emphasis circuit, and a receiver which has an expander circuit and a de-emphasis circuit. It provides a receiver having improvements in the designed construction in its
20 circuit.

In the wireless transmission-reception system according to the present invention, the transmitter has a compressor circuit for compressing signal(s) to be transmitted, and a pre-emphasis circuit connected to the
25 compressor circuit for performing emphasis of the compressed signal(s) in the predetermined frequency range, in the substantially same construction as

described above in connection with the second process. The receiver comprises an expander circuit for performing expansion of the received signal(s), the expander circuit having a variable gain amplifier; a first de-emphasis circuit connected to the demodulation means in parallel with the expander circuit for performing de-emphasis of the received signal(s) which are not subjected to expansion by the expander circuit yet; and a second de-emphasis circuit connected to the expander circuit for performing de-emphasis of the signals being received and expanded by the expander circuit.

5 The output signals from the first de-emphasis circuit effects control of the gain of the variable gain amplifier.

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Preferably, a combination or each of the first and second de-emphasis circuits has complementary de-emphasis to the forgoing pre-emphasis circuit. In addition, in embodiment according to the present invention, the receiver has a rectifier circuit connected to the forgoing first de-emphasis circuit for 15 performing gain control of the variable gain amplifier.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Fig. 1 is a block view showing an embodiment of a receiver of a wireless transmission-reception system according to the present invention; 20 and

Figs. 2(a) and (b) are schematic views depicting conventional two types of respective combinations of compressor and expander circuits in the wireless transmission and reception system.

PREFERRED EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION

Referring to Fig. 1, a receiver according to the present invention is shown. The receiver receives signal(s) from the foregoing transmitter in which the pre-emphasis of the compressed signal(s) to be transmitted is performed as shown in Fig. 2 (b). Thus, the present invention provides improvement in the foregoing receiver 20.

The receiver according to the present invention has two de-emphasis circuits 25, 26. The received signals are inputted into the expander circuit 24 through a first step (demodulation) circuit 23. The expander circuit 24 has a variable gain amplifier (G cell) 241 through which the received signals are amplified to a predetermined level. The expander circuit 24 also has a rectifier circuit 242 connected to gain control terminals of the variable gain amplifier 241.

To the first step (demodulation) circuit 21, the first de-emphasis circuit 25 is connected in parallel with the expander circuit 24. Thus, the received signals from the output of the first step circuit 21 are subjected to de-emphasis through the first de-emphasis circuit 25. The de-emphasized signal(s) from the first de-emphasis circuit 25 are inputted into the expander circuit 24. In the expander circuit 24, the rectifier circuit 242 performs rectification of the inputted, de-emphasized signals from the de-emphasis circuit 25 for control of gain for the variable gain amplifier 241.

From the expander circuit 24, the expanded, received signals from the first step circuit are outputted. Secondly, the second de-emphasis circuit 26 de-emphasizes the outputted, expanded signal(s) that they have not been de-emphasized by the first de-emphasis circuit 25 yet. According to this

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embodiment, a combination or each of such the first and second de-emphasis circuits 25, 26 has a complementary de-emphasis to the pre-emphasis circuit (See Fig. 2 (b)) of the receiver 10.

For example, when the transmitter 10 transmits signal(s) where the
5 gain in high frequencies is emphasized to +6dB through the pre-emphasis circuit 11, the foregoing first de-emphasis circuit 25 de-emphasizes the received signal(s) from the first step circuit 21 in high frequencies to -6dB.

Thus, the first de-emphasis circuit 25 outputs the received signal having 0dB gain in high frequencies. Such the received signal(s) are
10 rectified thorough the rectifying circuit 242, and then the variable gain amplifier 241 obtains from the rectifying circuit 242 the rectified signal(s) as a gain control signal.

Accordingly, after the received signal(s) are outputted from the first step circuit 23, they pass the variable gain amplifier 241, while maintaining
15 the gain in high frequencies with emphasis in +6 dB. The second de-emphasis circuit 26 de-emphasizes the received signal(s) in -6 dB on the gain in high frequencies.

Hence, a combination of the expansion of the received signals with emphasis in the high frequency range, and thereafter de-emphasis of the
20 expanded signal(s) in the high frequency range contributes to reduction in noise in high frequency range in both the expander circuit 24 and the second de-emphasis circuit 26. This increases the effect of noise reduction.

As an example, the wireless microphone according to Fig. 2 (b) type had the noise level of -102.8dBV. However, the a wireless
25 microphone according to the present invention accomplished the improvement where the noise level decreased to -105.0dBV, -

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105.6dBV, and -106.3dBV, at the add-on de-emphasis of $22\ \mu s$, $50\ \mu s$, and $122\ \mu s$ are performed, respectively.

As described above, according to the present invention, the transmitter performs emphasis (pre-emphasis) of the compressed signal(s) for transmission to reduce skews produced therein, while the receiver performs expansion of the received, emphasized signal(s) and then de-emphasis of the expanded, received signal(s). This increases the effect of noise reduction.

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